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6. [ ] attended the hearings of the State Department Organization and Public Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Senator Stuart Symington (D., Mo.) appeared as a witness on behalf of S. 15 regarding a Foreign Service Academy, a bill which he, Senator Symington, introduced early in the session.

Mr. Loy Henderson, Under Secretary of State, appeared as a witness on this and five other bills were considered during this hearing. Secretary Henderson took the position that at this time, although the Department does not reject a Foreign Service Academy, out of hand, they do desire to assess further the present recruitment and educational processes of the Department. If at a later date it was found they were not getting the results they desired, the Department would at that time be in a better position to assess and evaluate their need for a Foreign Service Academy. Secretary Henderson, assisted by other members of the Department, also testified briefly and in quite general fashion concerning: S. 443 a bill to amend the Foreign Service Act; S. 2233 a bill to amend the Foreign Service Act and for other purposes; S. 106 to provide for an Under Secretary of State, Western Hemisphere Affairs; (at this point Senator Mansfield was joined by Senator Aiken) S. 1044 a bill to amend the Foreign Service Building Act of 1926 and the Passport Act of 1920; S. 2232 a bill to repeal an Act of 1884 exempting American shipping and American seamen from payment of counselor fees. Also appearing on S. 2232 were Alvin Shapiro and Edward Phillips of the American Merchant Marine Institute who requested that the intent of the bill be clarified.

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